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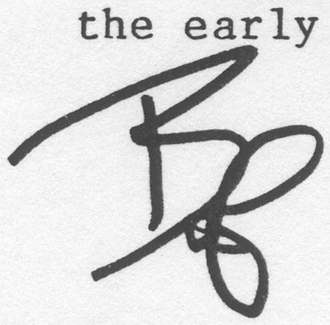
NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 1991

Hello again.
This brief newsletter is to remind you not to miss our next meeting on:
OCTOBER 8TH
in which we will be playing host to visiting British collector Derek Parkes. Derek is looking forward to meeting everyone and recently wrote "I think that an open discussion with the members would go down well. I can talk about what I know of Bing's record world and perhaps tell how we, as collectors, are trying to get Bing discs released in the U.K."

We have put together an interesting programme for the occasion. Last time, we featured two of Bing's early competitors - Russ Columbo and Al Bowlly; this time round we have Dick Todd and Perry Como. I must warn you now that the Dick Todd material is technically poor. The picture rolls and flickers and jumps (and one song has been transferred with the image back to front!), but I thought that you would forgive the defects for a rare glimpse of 'The Canadian Bing Crosby'. Todd sings 'Rose O'Day' and 'Don't Let Julia Fool Ya'. The Como material is a little better in visual quality - it comes from TV - a 15 minute show from around 1953 or 54.

Also on the show are another Betty Boop cartoon 'I'll Be Glad When You're Dead You Rascal You' with a soundtrack supplied by a young Louis Armstrong. To show you the face behind the voice for Betty (Mae Questal), we have one of the live action shorts she made in the early 30s with Rudy Vallee. One piece of collectors' trivia which becomes obvious when you compare the two films is that the face of Betty Boop is in fact based on Mae's!

Bing of course is well represented. Several years ago, this club sold copies of a private video called 'Rare Moments With Bing' which featured one-of-a-kind clips ranging from home movies taken on the back lot of Universal Studios during the filming of 'King of Jazz' to Bing and Rosemary Clooney recording with Buddy Cole. As these tapes have been well and truly pirated by now, we thought that we would bring you the original for a once only screening. If you haven't seen a copy, then you've never seen this material before. Promise. As a companion piece, we have a 1964 TV show with Bing, Rosemary, Kathryn Crosby, Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin.

Venue, as always, is the AMP Theatrette, Corner Bourke and William Streets, City with a starting time of 7.30 pm sharp.
MEMBERS: $6 PENSIONERS & STUDENTS: $4 NON-MEMBERS: $7

LAST MEETING - DECEMBER 3 - BING CROSBY - HIS LIFE AND LEGEND
The best TV documentary tracing Bing's career PLUS The Best of Bing From the early 30s. A selection of numbers edited from Bing's first features.